

District II Advisory Board Minutes

May 3, 2004

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library at 5939 E. 9th Street North.

Members Present

Brian Carduff
Daryl Crotts
Sarah Devries
Ray Frederick
Tim Goodpasture
Matt Hesse
Joe Johnson
David Mollhagen
Marty Weeks

Members Absent

Larry Frutiger
Phil Ryan

Staff Present

Donna Goltry, MAPD
Long Nguyen, WPD
Donte Martin, CMO
Officer Parker, WPD

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The agenda for May 3, 2004 was approved as submitted (8-0).
The minutes for April 5, 2004 were approved as submitted (8-0).

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items

Melinda Schnyder, Tobacco Free Wichita presented the 2004 Clean Indoor Air Brief. The brief calls for the City of Wichita to adopt a clean air ordinance prohibiting smoking in indoor public places.

2. Off-agenda items

Tim Richard, Kansas Gas Service, briefed the DAB on a project to replace antiquated natural gas lines in College Hill. The project will begin in the next few months and will continue for the next few years. Residents will receive a letter informing them of the project. No items submitted. KGS workers will be uniformed and will carry identification badges.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

3. Community Police Report

Officer Nguyen, Patrol East, reported a rise in burglaries. Officer Nguyen asked DAB members to report anything that looks suspicious and reminded the DAB that officers will monitor homes while residents are on vacation. Residents need to contact Patrol East prior to leaving for vacation and the beat coordinator for that police beat will arrange for the home to be monitored periodically.

CM Schlapp thanked Officer Nguyen for his efforts and encouraged him to continue the good work.

Action Taken: Received and filed

PLANNING AGENDA

4. CUP 2003-00065; ZON 2003-00074 DP 273 Prairie Pond Plaza CUP

Donna Goltry, MAPD, described this request to create DP-273 Prairie Pond CUP and zone change to “LC” Limited Commercial. The site is generally located on the northeast corner of Kellogg and 143rd Street East. Ms. Goltry explained that MAPD staff recommends approval subject to conditions.

Terry Smythe, agent for applicant, presented the CUP and answered questions. Smythe stated the zone change and CUP complies with the comprehensive plan and the more intense uses contained in the CUP are placed away from nearby residential areas. Lighting will be lower than heights typically found in LC zoning and building will be architecturally consistent.

Representatives of Park East, Springdale Lakes and Springdale East HOA expressed their concerns with the project and forwarded a list of requests should the zone change be approved. These requests included: 1) building an 8ft. masonry-screening wall; 2) not allowing car lots, billboards or drive thru restaurants; 3) no commercial development with a mile of residential areas; 4) reserve buffering along 143rd Street East; 5) one traffic entrance located near Kellogg; 6) shielded light structures limited to 20ft. in height; and 7) restricting development until 143rd Street East is improved.

Sarah Devries asked why the property was initially zoned SF-5 and why hasn’t the property been developed prior to now. Goltry replied all undeveloped property annexed into the City is zoned SF-5 and that she is unsure why the property hasn’t developed as SF-5.

Joe Johnson asked if there is enough dedicated right-of-way south of the property line. Smythe replied that 120 ft. has been dedicated north of the Kellogg centerline and this should be an adequate amount.

Daryl Crotts asked if the applicant had met with area HOA’s and if the applicant was willing to meet agree to the requests forwarded by the HOA’s. Smythe replied that he hasn’t formally met with the HOA’s and may be willing to agree to some of their requests. Smythe stated he is willing to meet with these groups and address their concerns.

Joe Johnson (Mollhagen) moved to defer the item pending the MAPC hearing and continued discussion between the applicant and area residents. The motion passed (8-0).

Action Taken: The DAB members voted 8-0 to defer the item pending the MAPC hearing and continued discussion between the applicant and area residents.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

5. Funeral Escort Processions

Deputy Chief Tom Stolz, Wichita Police Department, presented the proposed ordinance amendments to create Chapter 11.37 City Code pertaining to traffic regulations for funeral processions. Both escort vehicles and procession vehicles are included in the regulations. The ordinance amendments would repeal Section 11.38.130 and 11.38.140 of the City Code. **Deputy Chief Stolz** stated that these amendments were created as a result of numerous complaints received by the Police Department concerning reckless driving of funeral procession escort vehicles.

DAB members asked the following questions: 1) how were proposed speed restrictions determined; 2) are there limits on the number of cars that can be included in a procession; and 3) is it safe for processions to take place on highways.

Staff responded to questions and concerns with the following answers: 1) the speed restriction was recommended by funeral escort business owners; 2) currently there are no limits on the number of vehicles that can be included in a procession; and 3) funeral escorts attempt to avoid using highways.

Joe Johnson (Hesse) moved to approve the amendments as submitted. The motion passed 8-0.

Action Taken: The DAB recommended approval of the proposed amendments to Chapter 11.37 of the City Code.

6. Funeral Escort Licensing

Deputy Chief Tom Stolz, Wichita Police Department, reviewed an ordinance creating a new Chapter 3.74 of City Code pertaining to licensing of funeral escort services. The ordinance would repeal the original Chapter 3.74 of the City Code.

DAB members asked if funeral escort business owners were included in the process to develop licensing requirements. Staffs stated funeral escort businesses were included in every step of the process and support the proposed ordinance.

Joe Johnson (Hesse) moved to approve the amendments as submitted. The motion passed 8-0.

Action Taken: DAB recommended approval of the ordinance to license funeral escort businesses.

BOARD AGENDA

7. Updates, Issues, and Reports

No items were discussed.

The next regularly scheduled DAB II meeting will be June 7, 2004 at the Rockwell Branch Library.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Guests

Bob Burch
Pat Burch
Rick Kellerman
Carroll Liechti
Eileen Liechti
Pete Ossi
Shirley Ossi
Pam Pierron
Ron Pierron
Dick Randall
Jane Randall
Irene Shaw
Ken Shaw
Deanna Schneidewind
Larry Schneidewind
Melinda Schnyder
Richard Warrick
Max Weddle
Kent Weixelman